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And Then Robs the Defenseless Laundryman of All the Cash in His Money Drawer and Makes His Escape in Broad Daylight.

Kwong Wee's Leg is Per- The Doctor Thinks It May forated, the Bullet Going Clear Through.

Result in the Amputation of the Leg.



Kwong Wee, the Chinaman who keeps a laundry at 112½ East Fifth street, was shot Sunday noon by an unknown man. The bullet entered his right leg just above the knee, went downward and splintered the bone, severed two branch arterles, injured the ligament of the knee joint and came out below the knee. The wound is considered a dangerous one. Concerning the shooting there is mystery. The young Chinaman has but little knowledge of English and he is somewhat bewildered over the affair.

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The news of the shooting did not reach the police until 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Chief Steele investigated the case. Today he said: "The Chinaman says that the money drawer was robed of something over 33. I haven't found out who the fellow was who did the shooting. The money drawer might have been robbed afterward, for there were loss of people up there after it occurred."

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About noon Sunday a man entered Kwong Wee's laundry and began talking to him about laundry work. The latter sat at a small desk near the laun-

latter sat at a small desk near the laundry bundles. The man suddenly asked Kwong Wee if he had any money. Wee shook his head. Then the man left the laundry room and walked across the street to the Office block. In a few minutes he returned and when Kwong Wee came into the front room and asked the visitor what he wanted, the latter mumbled something which the Chinaman did not understand. Kwong Wee sat at his desk, while the man sat on a counter near by. He suddenly drew a revolver from his pocket and as suddenly fired. The muzzle of it was but a foot from Kwong Wee's leg.

Immediately upon firing, the man ran out of the store. Kwong Wee says that he stole all the money which was in the money drawer, something over \$3. The man dropped the revolver in his flight. It was found to be a new one. Dr. F. H. Martin was called some time afterward. He examined the wound and found that the bullet had passed entirely through the right leg. The bone and branch arteries were injured. Dr. Martin said today: "He had bled profusely from the wound and a half to stop the flow of blood. If any of the clothing was driven into the bone the wound will probably be a most serious one. I am afraid the joint will puff up and in that case it will also be most serious. I think the ligament has been injured. If any septic matter has been injured. If the wound there is no telling how serious it may be."

K. P. DEAL DENOUNCED. Senator Harris Says the Government's Policy is an Outrage.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The Kansas Pacific deal will be aired in the senate. It is asserted by Senator Harris of Kansas and others who have constantly fought the schemes of the reorganization committee, that the administration has acted in bad faith to the senate in the matter and has deliberately deceived congress of its intentions in order to carry through its scheme without legislative hindrance.

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When the attorney general announced that the government would ask for a postponement of the sale of the Kansas Pacific branch, Senator Harris called on him at the department of justice and asked the point-blank question if the postponement announced was made in good faith. Attorney General Griggs said it was, and that it expressed the decided policy of the administration. That was Tuesday last. Four days later, after congress was thrown off its guard, the administration reversed its policy and announced its gift of \$7,000,000 to the reorganization committee.

Senator Harris will present a resolution in the senate denouncing the policy of trickery resorted to by the administration, and will tell the senate how it was tricked. Senator Harris said to-

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"The action of the government is an outrage. I was dublous about it when it said that a postponement would be asked, but when I called on Attorney General Griggs on Tuesday and he assured me that it was made in good faith I accepted it as true. This breach of faith on the part of the administration should be known by the country. It has prevented legislation prohibiting the president from accepting less than the full amount of government indebt.

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Mr. Bryan's speech will be made at the banquet. No other meeting will be held, but he will have a conference with the state committee, which will be in session at that time.

Miss Lou C. Johnsmeyer of Randolph arrived yesterday and will visit Mr. and Mrs. C. Kaser of \$15 Quincy street, this week.

edness, and has enabled the reorganiza-tion committee to carry out its plan for defrauding the people."
Senator Morgan of Alabama said: "It is the biggest steal which has come to my notice since I have been in public life."

curred."
KwongWee was seen today by a re-

A clue to the robbery was obtained at

the Sixth Avenue hotel. Sunday two rough men entered the hotel office and

looking Chinaman

BRYAN COMING.

Will Attend the Democratic Banquet Here February 24.

William J. Bryan will attend the Demperatic meeting and banquet in Topeka February 24.

The following telegram was received today:

"Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14, 1899.
"J. Mack Love, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee, care Frank S. Thomas, Topeka, Kansas;
"I have arranged with Mr. William J. Bryan to meet our committee February 24 and to attend the banquet in the evening.
"National Committeeman."
Mr. Johnson west from Topeka to Lincoln a few days ago to nersamily invite

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ALL TO GO OUT.

Cotton Mill Strike Will Probably Include Every Operative in New England.

Boston, Feb. 14.—At a meeting yester-day in this city of 55 representatives of textile unions in New England, it was unanimously voted to recommend that all unions call out the operatives in every cotton mill in New England.

The meeting was practically the outcome of the recommendation which President Gompers made to the Federation of Labor last Sunday, in which he urged the different unions to unite on some settled policy regarding the mill situation in New England.

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At that meeting a committee of four was appointed to take charge of the matter, and after a conference this committee recommended that a general meeting be held to take definite action. Sunday the representatives of the various national textile associations assembled in the Wells Momorial hall and for four hours discussed the situation from every standpoint. The primary object of the meeting was to devise some method of rendering assistance to the New Bedford strikers.

The matter was put to a vote, no one being registered against the motion that the different unions should order a general strike in every cotton fall in New England until satisfactory adjustment of wages could be arranged.

It now remains for the various national unions to take action on the recommendation, but what this action will be is a matter of conjecture. If all should acquise cand vote to strike, 141,000 operatives would undoubtedly cease work and the manufacture of cotion goods throughout.

BRYAN REFUSES A TOGA

Could Be United States Senator From Nebraska if He Would.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14.-An extraordipary political situation prevails in Ne-

It is probably the logical result of the activity of Mr. Bryan and other friends of bimetallism in the state since the presidential campaign. But in any event the situation is regarded as unusual by those who have watched the trend of political affairs in the state for the past

political affairs in the state for the past quarter of a century.

Much of this activity among the silver men is due directly to the efforts of Mr. Bryan. The champion of bimetallism has written during the past few months hundreds of autograph letters to his friends in this and adjacent states urging them to maintain their political organizations with Increasing vigil during the interim between the election of last fall and this year. Particularly has Mr. Bryan cautioned the congressional organizations to be on the alert. There will be six members of congress elected in Nebraska this year. Mr. Bryan declares today that he has no doubt that all congressmen returned from Nebraska this year will be piedged silver men. The state has been flooded for some time with literature on both sides of this topic, and the relative merits of the financial question are attracting much attention among country literary societies, grange meetings and similar organizations where live questions are discussed.

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One thing especially has endeared Mr. Bryan to the friends of silver in Ne-braska recently. That is his refusal to even attempt to dictate the political af-fairs of the state of Nebraska. Of course it is no secret that the allied sil-ver forces will in all human probability elect the entire legislature and all the

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state officials this year.

As Mr. Bryan's mere suggestion is accepted by his friends here as the law of
the silver party in the state, touching
party policy, he could easily indicate
every man who should fill an official poporter. He sat up in his couch in the rear of his laundry. He is 20 years of age and would be taken for a good sition in the state this fall. Of course

this would mean the naming of the next United States senator from Nebraska to succeed William Vincent Allen.

The various factions of the alijed sliver interests have urged Mr. Bryan, as a political necessity, to express his preference on these subjects, which he has firmly refused to do.

All he will say is: "Let none but true and tried friends of bimetallism be placed on guard at this hour, as the supreme struggle between the forces car-"Man come in," said he, "an' I at to-bacco store. I come in and ask what he do. He go out, Cross street; back again. I sit in chair, He sit on counter. He shoot my leg and take money from drawer. I badly hurt. I no know man. He tail." Further than this he was unable to give a description of the shooting or the man who did it. freme struggle between the forces car-ying on financial battle is about to be-

It is no secret that W. J. Bryan will not be a candidate for United States senator. This is absolute. He could have it without even asking for it. All that would be necessary would be for Mr. Bryan to refuse to make his friends created a disturbance. The clerk thinks that if there had not been several men in the office he would have been held Kwong Wee has been in Topeka but a few months. He purchased the place at 1131/2 East Fifth street, which had been derstand clearly that he is not a can-

113½ East Fifth street, which had been kept by Kwong Hing. He had been in the United States four years. He is a hard worker. Unlike many of his countrymen he is not addicted to the use of oplum. He loves cigarettes, however. His couch at his place of business is novel. Over the bunk, which is covered with a rich drapery, there is a canopy from which is draped white curtains. On a table near the couch there is a lamp and several packages of cigarettes and a can of tea. Kwong Wee suffers considerable paid from the wound, but does not make a fuss about it. didate.

Sepator Allen is a very popular man in Nebraska and will be a favorite to succeed himself—with Mr. Bryan in his present attitude. Gov. Holcomb is probably Mr. Allen's strongest opponent. This is his second term as governor. Many of Senator Allen's friends are trying to secure Holcomb's nomination as governor for a third term in order to place him out of Senator Allen's way. Holcomb might agree to this, but the allied silver forces of the state are believed to be too Democratic to violate the established rule against third terms established rule against third terms n the governor's chair.

SENT HIS SON TO JAIL.

OLD SOLDIERS KICK.

Topeka Post G. A. R. Scolds McKinley and Objects to Publishing Pension Names.

Topeka post G. A. R., at a meeting Sat-rday night, adopted resolutions de-ouncing the management of the pension epartment at Washington, and crificised resident McKinley for failure to men-ion the old soldlers in his last message

tion the oid soldiers in his last message to congress.

The resolutions say that the old soldiers made it possible for Mr. McKinley to become president of a united country, and express regret that he should seem unmindful of that fact.

The attack on the president and the pension department is due to the proposal to publish the names of pensioners. The resolutions are very long.

The committee which prepared the denunciation was composed of O. H. Coulter, J. M. Dumenill and G. W. Weed. The proposition to publish the mames of all pensioners is denounced as treasonable and an instinuation that the pensioners are suspected swindlers.

Consul General to Cuba Has Been Writing, Too.

Spanish Authorities Claim to Have a Letter

BY GEN. FITZHUGH LEE

Which Is Quite as Interesting as De Lome's.

Gen. Lee Always Very Frank on Cuban Matters.

New York, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says: There is a rumor that the palace authorities have a letter written by Consul General Lee the contents of which are as interesting, even exciting for Spain as the De Lome letter to Canalejas was for the United

It is said that Gen. Lee's frankness in It is said that Gen, Lee's frankness in conversation insures the existence of such missives and the opinion is openly expressed that Gen. Lee too must go.

New York, Feb. 14.—It is now known on the highest authority that the real reason for sending the United States torpedo boat Cushing, to Hayana, was that the Spanish authorities have been tampering with mail sent to the battle-ship Maine in Hayana harbor, says the Washington correspondent of the Herald.

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This resulted in Capt. Sigsbee of the Maine sending a protest to Washington with a suggestion that a regular service be established between Key West and Havana by means of torpedo boats.

On the strength of this protest the Cushing was despatched to Havana.

Although it has been frequently reported that official mall has been tampered with in the past, Secretary Long said last night that he had received no reports from Capt. Sigsbee saying that the Spanish authorities had interfered with his letters in any way.

"The dispatch of the Cushing to Havana," he continued, "was in line with the department's action in sending the Maine on a friendly visit to that port and the Montgomery to Santiago de Cuba and Matanzas. I expect she is now or will be soon on her way back to Key West."

TUGS ARE BUSY Looking for Cuban Filibusters in Long Island Sound.

New London, Conn., Feb. 14.—Two customs officials from Brilgeport arrived in this city at 3:46 this morning and boarded one of Captain Scott's tugs. Immediately afterward the tug steamed down the harbor and out into the sound. It is stated that these officials have been instructed to patrol and search the eastern end of Long Island sound for the purpose of intercepting a suspected fillbustering expedition.

TRYING TO PICK A QUARREL

old mean the naming of the next | avowal from Spain and an apol now demanded from Madrid and this is a little too much for Spanish pride. Is the American government, which has had for some time ample justifica-tion for intervention in Cuba, if it had been able to make up its mind to inter-fere, going to pick a quarrel over this

paltry business?
Those interested in historical parallels will recall that Napoleon III., in 1870, refused to be satisfied with King William's disavowal of his kinsman's candidature for the Spanish throne, and demanded a declaration from the King of Prussia that he would never permit such a candidature to be revived. War followed immediately. followed immediately.

SENATE INVITES THE HOUSE To Join It in Recognizing Cuban Belligerency.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator Morgan oday reported from the committee on oreign relations the amendment offered y Senator Allen of Nebraska recognizing by Senator Alien of Nebraska recognizing the beligerency of Cuba. The report was against making it a part of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, but the report, which was quite long, stated that the senate had already acted on this mat-ter and was still of the same opinion, and would be glad to have the house co-oper-ate in securing a recognition of beliger-ency.

THERE WILL BE REGRETS. Spain Will Make the Amende Honorable for De Lome's Act.

The Rev. C. C. Luce of Edgerton Disgraces His Own Boy
For a Small Theft.

Leavenworth. Feb. 14.—Bert Luce of Edgerton, aged 14 or 15 committed petty farceny in his own home. His father, Rev. C. C. Luce, had the boy arrested on that charge, and as a result the boy was brought here to serve a jail sentence of ten days. The costs will keep him five or ten days more. As the boy is young and bright, our sheriff will allow him to come in contact with the more hardened prisoners as little as possible.

U. S. MARINES DROWN

While Attempting to Swim Ashore at Colombo, Ceylon.

London, Feb. 14.-Mail advices received here today from Colombo, Ceylon, say that Barnes and King, marines lon, say that Barnes and King, marines belonging to the United States cruiser Raieigh on her way to China, were drowned during the night of January 24. It is supposed they started to swim ashore "on a lark," thinking they were able to scale the breakwater. Finding this impossible they shouted for help and boats from the Raleigh went to their assistance. As the boats approached Barnes was seen to go down. Neely and McCartney of the Raleigh's crew dived after Barnes, but failed to grapple him. King had already disappeared. The bodies were recovered.

KANSAS BANK SALARIES. Commissioner Breidenthal's Report Shows That They are Modest.

Statements sent in to Bank Commissioner Breidenthal, giving the receipts and disbursements of the banks of Kansas as required by the new banking law, show that the salaries of Kansas bank officials are not large, as is generally supposed.

On the other hand, many of the salaries are small for the class of work performed. The statements are sworn

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There are in the neighborhood of 375 state and private banks in Kansas. The sworn statements just sent in by the officers of these institutions show that less than 25 presidents of the state and private banks draw salaries, Many peo-ple believe that all presidents are on the pay roll

the pay roll.

Those who draw pay devote their entire attention to the bank's affairs. The salaries of these are mostly under \$1,000 a year. Three of them draw \$2,500; a en or more draw only \$500 a year

The average salary of cashiers is about \$1,000 a year. A number draw from \$1,800 to \$2,500, but these are off-set by the 200 or more who get from \$600 to \$720 a year. The cashier of the largest bank in the state gets only \$2,-

The cashier of one western Kansas bank gets \$25 a month and boards him-self. Kansas bank clerks as a rule are not overpaid. Some of them get as high as \$1,000, but the average of them get

as \$1,000, but the average of them get about \$480.

"Clerk hire, \$200," is a favorite entry on the statements. Only one bank in the state spends over \$1,000 a year for running expenses. That is the largest one, and its salary list last year aggregated \$13,040. Of this amount, the president got \$2,500 and the cashier \$2,500. The next highest was \$8,500, the third \$5,680, and the fourth \$4,790. The test all run under \$4,000. The expense account all told of the majority of them averaged less than \$2,000.

Of Ships Waiting at Philadelphia For Wheat.

Will Carry 3,000,000 Bushels of It to Europe.

Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—Fifteen steamships are now in port loading, or waiting their turn to load, the grain that is oming to this city from the west in great quantities.

Their aggregate carrying capacity amounts to over 3,000,000 bushels and all the grain elevators at Port Richmend, Washington avenue and Girard Point are kept busy meeting this heavy

rush upon them. This big grain fleet consists of the British steamships Anne Moore, Briardene, Cyrill, Cyrus, Cape Comarin Strathgarry, Vizcania, Bjargvin, Langham, Florence, Aurelia, Barely and Vic-toria; the Italian steamship Glenarchy and the Swedish steamship Ovidia.

London, Feb. 14.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon referring to the De Lome incident, says:

It appears that President McKinley is really making a serious incident out of the affair. He is not satisfied with the prompt resignation of De Lome. A disavowal from Spain and an apology are now demanded from the appears to the prompt resignation of the Lome. A disavowal from Spain and an apology are now demanded from the prompt resignation of the Lome. A disavowal from Spain and an apology are

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Yit Sing, a Chinese girl, was murdered at her home at the corner of Bartlett alley and Pacific street this morning, shortly before to clock, by Charles Dean, a half breed Chinese. He had disguised himself as chinese. He had dispatch himself a negro, and when she opened the door in answer to his knock, he stabbed her to death with a 12-inch highbinder's knife. He made his escape but later surrendered himself to the police.

HER LEG IS BROKEN.

Mrs. "Jack" Gardner Badly Hurt and Boston Society is Inconsolable.

Boston, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Jack Gardner has broken one of her legs. Just how and bosh," said he to Roe. "There is no when the accident occurred the public is not permitted to know, but the queen of Boston society is confined to a couch, surrounded by devoted atendants who do all the stump is gone, I can find the place from the bearings if you will only take broken one of her legs. Just how and when the accident occurred the public is

rounded by devoted atendants who do all that duty and affection can prompt.

It is said that the break is a bad one and that Mrs. "Jack" is having a hard time of it. All the social functions in which she was interested as a promoter have been declared off.

At present she receives close friends at the bedside. Those not privileged to call until she can see them with more of the formality exacted by conventionalities leave their condolences and best wishes. Notwithstanding her affliction, Mrs. Gardner will attend the Pugno concert at Music hall next Friday afternoon. She will be lifted from her carriage at the door of the hall and, after being deposited in a rolling invalid chair, will be wheeled across the floor to her seat.

WICHITA BANK PAYS OUT. Comptroller of Currency Declares a

Final Dividend.

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Washington, Feb. 14.—The comptroller of the currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks as follows:

Fifteen per cent The Keystone National bank of Eric. Pa., 20 per cent, the First National bank of Benton Harbor, Mich.; 5 per cent, the Humboldt First National bank, Humboldt, Kan.; 40 per cent, and a final dividend of 5.81 per cent, the 'Wichita National bank, of Wichita, Kan.

Topekans Going to Wichita. The past masters and a few of the delegates from Topeka held an interesting meeting Saturday night at K. P. hall for the purpose of making final arrangements regarding transportation and accommodation of the Topeka lodges who will attend the A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge at Wichita, Feb. 22. The Santa Fe was selected as the route and the delegation will leave Topeka Sunday, Feb. 20, at noon. A. M. Hoener, grand guide, one of the most prominent workmen in the city to whom great credit is due for the the erection of the Fall Festival arch, seems to be the choice of the Topeka lodge for the next The past masters and a few of the del-Fail Festival arch, seems to be the choice of the Topeka lodge for the next grand foreman

Carter Roe, a Blue Cut and Elmdale Robber,

Hid a Box of Money Near Skinner's Ice House.

THE BOX IS DUG UP

By Unknown Parties and Carried Away.

Ex-Sheriff Wilkerson Looks For the Boodle

BUT HE FINDS ONLY

A Hole in the Ground-The Story Told By

Carter Roe Just Before His Death at Bedwell's.

The discovery of a freshly dug hole near the Skinner ice house in Garfield park has thrown every one in that vicinity into a fever of excitement, for the place shows plainly that a box was taken from the excavation and in that box it is supposed was \$1,300,part of the booty hidden by a gang of robbers who had their headquarters in Topeka until

The mysterious Blue Cut train robbery in 1895 near Kansas City and the attempted robbery of the bank at Elmdale may both be solved by the death of Carter Roe, who died on January 23 in Bedwell's asylum east of Topeka.

Carter Roe was a tough character who was a close friend of the Robbins' boys in North Topeka. For nearly three years he has been an inmate of Bedwell's asylum, suffering from what doctors call melancholm. Early last fall ine was taken with quick consumption and grew rapidly worse until he died. A week before his death he became apparently rational.

One day he called Mr. Bedwell, the superintendent of the asylum, to him and said faintly:

"I want to se to North Topeka." The mysterious Blue Cut train rob-

and said faintly;
"I want to go to North Topeka."
"Why do you want to go over there?"
asked Mr. Bedwell.

"I have some money there," replied the dying man. "I can get \$1,300 if you will only take me." "Where did you get so much money?" asked Bedwell.

"I earned some of it," said Roe in a faitering voice.
"Did you rob a train or a bank and got the rest?"

WHAT MR. SKINNER SAYS.

Did Not Hear of the Treasure Trove

The man stammered and blushed and then began to cry. He finally told Bed-rell that he wanted to relieve his mind efore he died and then told him the

following story:
"Yes, I have been in a bank robbery and a train robbery too. I did not get anything in the bank but got the money

that is now buried in North Topeka from the train." Mr. Bedwell bent down over the man. It was a great effort for him to speak, but he whispered the details as well as

but he would.

"It was on April 29, 1835 that we broke into the bank at Elmdale. We got in all right and we were drilling a hole in the safe, and got it almost through HIGHBINDER'S KNIFE

12 Inches Long Used to Kill a Chinese Girl.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Yit Sing, a Chinese girl, was murdered at her home at the corner of Bartlett alley and Pacific street this morning, shortly before 1 o'clock, by Charles Dean, a half breed Chinese. He had disguised himself as when some one heard us, and they

the stone ice house near Garfield park and buried it. I can find the place, I know, for it was just about three feet from a stump that was south of the Then I went to Springfield, where

"Then I went to Springfield, where I was arrested, and then they put me in here. I wish you could get John Wilkerson to come here and I will tell him what I have told you. I want to get this off my mind."

Mr. Bedwell did not think seriously of what the invalid said, but a few days after he took the trouble to go to the place indicated by him at Garfield park. He found no stump and concluded that Roe's mind was wandering when be told the story.

the stump is gone, I can find the place from the bearings if you will only take me over."

But the man was not able to stand on his feet, and Mr. Bedwell feared that the effect of the trip would be more than he could stand.

John M. Wilkerson was sent for at the request of Roe, and he told the same stary to him. He told him exactly what he had told Bedwell. In no particular did the words differ. A short time afterward Roe died.

Wilkerson asked Hoe about the location of the train robbery, and was told that it took place near Marysville. He wrote to the authorities at Marysville, Kan, and the town of the same name in Missouri, and has now come to the Blue Cut robbery of 1895, when a large sum of money was taken from an express car near Kansas City.

He faund the story of Roe about the Eimdale bank robbery was exactly correct in every detail and this more firmly establishes the belief that the man had told the truth.

It was not until last Friday that Mr. Wilkerson and Mr. Bedwell decided to make some measurements and begin the search for Roe's share of the booty. They went to the place indicated by him and were startled to see a large square hole about three feet deep. In one corner was a place about a foot square where a box had been taken out—the box which they are satisfied contained the money. The hole is supposed to have been duy and the box taken about a week ago. They found boys who said the ground was not disturbed a week ago last Thursday. Now both Bedwell and Wilkerson are lookin for the man who did the digging, but they have not the least clue.

Ex-Sheriff Wilkerson says: "In the Ex-Sherif

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Ex-Sheriff Wilkerson says: "In the summer of 1895 I went to Springfield, or a rival of the officers from here. He arrival of the officers from here. He he he he he was demented. But I thought he he here.

The who did the digging, but they have not the least clue.

Of the Trial.

Judge John F. Williams arrived just before noon today and the arguments for a continuance of the Hilmon case are being heard this afternon.

It is generally believed that the continuance will be granted, us both sides have a fidial star from physicians who say that Mrs. Hilmon-Smith, the plaintiff, is not able to be here.

was shamming and brought him back. But he continued to grow worse, and was finally sent to Bedwell's. I heard little of him until he sent for me three weeks ago and told the story about the robberles and money. When Roe was arrested in Springfield he had a fine set of burglar's tools on his person.

"I now believe that he told the truth in the asylum before he died, for he seemed perfectly sane then."

CARTER ROE'S CONFIDENCES. Tells About Hiding the Money Near Skinner's Ice House.

Skinner's Ice House.

During Carter Roe's confinement at Bedwell's asylum. Ratph Elerick attended him. Mr. Elerick became well acquainted with Roe and the latter intrusted him with many confidences. He was grateful to the attendant for the kindness shown him and when he was taken very ill and he was told that he could live but a few days, he called Mr. Elerick to him and said: "El, I am going to tell you something. I want you to get a buggy and take me over to North Topeka. I have \$25 hidden in the ground there." Mr. Elerick told him that he could not do that as be (Roe) was too feeble. Then it was that the sick man made the confession to him. Among other things he said: "I hid abox of money in the ground about 30 steps south of the old Skinner ice house near Garfield park. There is over \$1,300. The money was gotten from the Blue Cut robbery. I want you to have all that money, for you have been so kind to me while I have been here. Go over and get the money after I am dead. It is yours."

Roe told the attendant of several incidents of his life and admitted having been one of the principals in the attempt of the plunder.

Today to a reporter Mr. Elerick said: "Yes, Roe made a confession to me before he died. He was 35 years of aga and he died at the asylum on January 23. He told me that as I had taken good care of him that he wished me to have money which he had hidden in North Topeka. He wanted be to take him over these but he was not able to

have money which he had hidden in North Topeka. He wanted be to take him over there, but he was not able to go. He confessed that the money hidhim over there, but he was not able to go. He confessed that the money hidden there was some he had procured from the Blue Cut robbery in 1895 and he told me that he had been one of the party that made the attempt to rob the Elmdale bank. I don't know anything about the attempt to dig up the box. Roe told me that it was hidden about 30 steps from the old ice house near Garfield park. I can't get away from the asylum and so I haven't been able to see if Roe told me the truth. Mr. Bedwell has been in town some but I don't know what he has done. You are pretty near it when you mention John M. Wilkerson's name in connection with it. Roe was a robber. That was evident. He told me of several exploits. I can't say what I shall do about the money, should it be recovered. I think it by right belongs to me. Roe certainly intended it for me when he made that confession."

Until Sunday.

for Elerick, although that is not much, as I rent out the land to a tenant. The dig-ging was done on my land on Thursday and Friday evenings. Some of the holes were quite deep, while others were begun and left."

MORE WAR ENGINES.

England Will Build Four Additional Armored Cruisers.

Glasgow, Feb. 14.—The British govern-ment has invited tenders for four first lines armored cruisers of, 21,009 horse lower and slightly less tonnage than the Powerful, which vessel is of 14,200 tons

NO APOLOGY IN SIGHT. Spain is Inclined to Let De Lome's Sentiments Stand.

New York, Feb. 14.-A special to the Herald from Washington says: The De Lome incident is still unsettled. The cipher dispatch received from Minister Woodford was not entirely satisfactory. It was taken to the president by Assistant Secretary Day and after a short conference between them, Mr. Day sent another cablegram

to Minister Woodford. It is said that Minister Woodford's able was a report of his interview with the Spanish minister of foreign affairs which showed that no direct disclaimer had been made by Spain of that fenture of the De Lome letter which has been interpreted to indicate the incincerity of the Spanish govern-ment in the matter of autonomy and in the negotiations for a commercial

treaty. Madrid, Feb. 14.—El Liberal commenting on the De Lome letter says it was a private document of which the government misunderstood the text. It is semi-officially stated that official claims cunnot be founded on a private letter, that Spain acted rightly in accepting the resignation of Senor Dupuy De Lome, and that the ministers declare that any claims whatever are inadmissible.

TO MARRY A NAPOLEON.

Queen of Holland May Wed Prince Louis.

The Hague, Feb. 14.-There is some talk of the betrothal of Queen Wilhelminn to

Prince Louis Napoleon, new colonel of the MRS. HILLMON'S ILLNESS Will Probably Cause a Postponement